

UN paints grim picture of condition of women

By Christine K. Engeles

AT LEAST ONE IN EVERY FIVE women will become a victim of rape or attempted rape, and one out of three will be "harmed, coerced into sex...by a family member or an acquaintance" in her lifetime, according to the State of the World Population 2005 report.

Released yesterday by the United Nations Population Fund, painted another grim picture of women's condition world-wide.

Gender-based violence is generally the most widespread and widely-acknowledged human rights concern, said the UNFPA report.

"Violence kills and disables or weakens women, the core of 15 and 44 in 100 women," it said.

In the Philippines, police records show an average of 28 cases of violent against women every day, said Engeles, the senior director of the United Nations Office on the Role of Filipino Women.

While flourishing

Rape figures in 17 percent of all cases of violence reported to the police last year while 40 percent of cases involved of sexual violence, the report said.

Domestic violence was the most common physical assault on women worldwide, victimizing 18 percent of the female population in some countries and 49 percent in others, the report said.

PAO seeks extradition of soldier in Ninoy slay

By Nelson P. Flores

THE PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE YESTERDAY asked the Intelligence and Criminal Investigation Division to order the arrest and extradition of a former Army captain believed to be hiding in the United States, in a bid to reopen the case in which 16 soldiers were convicted of killing Ninoy Aquino, Jr. during the Communist insurgency in 1983.

PAO chief Ricardo Buncio Acosta said also was making the petition on behalf of the survivors, who had requested his help through Divine Linears, chairperson of the Ninoy Aquino Centennial Commission.

Only 21 of the countries remain in the 1983 Manila Declaration following the death anniversary of the late President. The United States, however, refused to join.

In his four-page motion, Acosta asked the court to issue a writ of habeas corpus against former Capt. Felipe Arana, and to order the Department of Justice to initiate extradition proceedings so he can be brought back to the Philippines to stand trial. He said the "Voluntary Surrender" Arana was to Manila, Washington.

Drastic move

"This is a drastic move to reopen the case as the court can order a complete determination of the truth behind the assassination of the late Ninoy Aquino," Acosta said.

The Sandiganbayan's Third Division has scheduled to hear the Petition on Oct. 16. Acosta, who dates to have a new witness as well as other new evidence that could result in the 12 soldiers, has been trying to convince the Aquino-Galano case since last year but has been rebuffed by the Supreme Court.

He has identified the new witness Ugo Reyes Castellanos, the driver of the car that was to have brought Aquino to the Manila International Airport when he returned from three years in exile in the United States. Castellanos, who never testified before, dates to have met Galano after Aquino, according to Acosta.

He also said that a forensic report made by experts from the University of the Philippines has concluded that Aquino was shot by Galan, contrary to the Sandiganbayan's finding that it was a soldier who shot Aquino.

Requisites for reopening

In denying the PAO's earlier petition, the High Court said that the requisites for reopening a case on the basis of new evidence were not met. It said Castellanos's testimony as would be highly corroborative and the supposedly new forensic evidence was merely new analysis and interpretation of old material that the defense could have presented but did not during the trial.

Aquino's slaying opened massive public protests that culminated in the 1986 "people power" uprising that toppled the Marcos regime and catapulted Aquino's widow, Corason Aquino, to power.

Farm girls turn to prostitution, want GMA to know

By Blanche S. Reyes

THEir LIVES ARE BEING RUINED every minute of a hardworking day. One month, one (not her real name) told the other girls of the village to work as a GMA in a Calapan night club so she could earn enough money to buy medicine for her 11-year-old daughter.

GMA, or guest relations officer, is a profession for her girl.

"I came out to the province but I knew what is happening to women like us, the life of a woman," said Lim, 26, who was persuaded by the Andalus National Industries of Pampanga to become a prostitute in exchange for the construction of Rural Women's Day on Oct. 15.

Andalus claimed that farming women in Rizal, Quezon, Pangasinan and other provinces have been reduced to prostitution.

She "to save their families from starvation."

It said those working in the economic plantations of Rizal have resorted to giving sexual favors to the plantation guards whenever they are caught stealing the rice.

"They have nothing with which to give the fields, and yet we hear of P200 million in livestock loans going to congressmen and governors," said Andalus.

Lim, which claims to have problems in 32 provinces, said thousands of women are selling their bodies to become more and more frequent because of poverty in the countryside.

There are around 25 million rural women in the Philippines. There are an estimated 800,000 prostituted women and children in the country. Many of them come from the provinces.

Andalus yesterday joined other groups calling for the arrest of President Macapagal-Arroyo with the launch of a signature campaign. GMA and two other Andalus members in Quezon were the first to sign the petition.

GMA said she finally earned about 8 kilograms of rice for a week's work in the agricultural town of Marikina. She also lives herself out as a housewife woman for an additional two days a week. She said her family members on "Naga" (rice fields), eating only once a day.

After husband in Isabela, brought her an additional P70 a day for carrying vegetables from the mountains to the market. She also buys food for her family and a paid P15 for every 100 kilograms of shipped rice.

When her eldest daughter contracted malaria last infection in August, the mother of five had to go back to the job.

She left 17 years ago. She worked as a dancer in Calapan, where she earned up to P700 a night.

"That was just for a weekend, but I can't say I will not do it again. I don't know what will happen to my children, life is very hard," said Lim, who seemed to have little choice as the old her tale.

Buncio recounted the story of health her husband's death in Pampanga. A single parent with four kids, Buncio has admitted to engaging in paid sex in exchange for a few kilograms of rice and grocery items.

Her father's two-hectare field was sold when the old man became ill. Left with a field in farm to support her family, Buncio resorted to prostitution.

"She's worried that she could be judged one day," Buncio said.

Buncio was unable to appear at the press conference because one of her children was sick, said Buncio.

"Sexual violence may involve physical and psychological abuse, unwanted sexual advances or acts, coerced sex, and blackmail," it said.

"It may also play on a woman's financial insecurity through threats of job dismissal or deportation such as the offer of food or shelter to return for work," the UNFPA said.

In a videotaped message at a press conference yesterday, UNFPA executive director Thoraya Ahmed Ali said about half of the 40 million people living in Africa are affected with HIV/AIDS worldwide every minute.

Female face of AIDS

"Meanwhile, the face of the threat is increasingly female and increasingly young," she said, noting that there are now 1.7 million women aged 15 to 49 in the world.

Global women that address the highest rates of infection in countries are in dramatically reducing the poverty rate worldwide.

said.

"It is time to call for action to free women of the discrimination, violence and poor health they face in their daily lives," she said.

"This will address the general of lack of literacy to contribute to economic growth," she said.

As estimated, 529 million women dying every year from pregnancy-related causes, noting that it was important for governments to implement sound reproductive health policies.

Global and reproductive health problems, including HIV/AIDS, were the leading causes of death and illness among women aged between 15 and 44 worldwide. She said the condition translated to more than 200 million years in lost "productive life."

Pro-choice groups urged the Philippine government to be more aggressive in the implementation of its reproductive health programs.

Part of the Millennium Development Goals of the Arroyo administration is to reduce the con-

stant 2.2 percent population growth rate to 1.5 percent by 2015.

It also aims to provide access to reproductive health services to 90 percent of Philippine this year, 90 percent by 2015, and 100 percent five years after.

"We have a problem and it's time to address it boldly," said Dr. Elizabeth Hays, the UNFPA country representative.

The UNFPA report said that the "lack of contraceptive protection" could be considered a form of sexual violence.

Sunnis back new Iraqi constitution

BAGHDAD—IRAGI POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE agreed not to vote on the new Iraqi constitution until after the Sept. 15 election. Support for the country's new constitution ahead of a congressional vote, after a series of violence-related incidents, has been low.

Supporters of the constitution included a number of lawmakers in a crowded market in the northern town of Tal Afar, underscoring the tough task of winning support for Saturday's referendum.

Some-backed voters have vowed to change the referendum on the constitution, a central stage in Iraq's post-Baathist Western political

transition but which has deeply divided the country on sectarian grounds.

But after days of intense political negotiations, Shiite and Kurdish leaders agreed on measures that will say parliament consider amendments to the charter after new elections are held in December, party officials said.

The main Iraqi Arab party said it would vote for calling for a "yes" vote on Saturday, when 15.5 million registered voters are to cast their ballots on the document that lays out the legal framework for the new Iraq.

"There was an agreement and we are calling for a 'yes' vote," Ayad Allawi, spokesman for the Iraqi Islamic Party, told AFP. "It will give us the opportunity to discuss the constitution."

Most Sunnis are opposed to the federal provisions of the draft, fearing it could lead to the breakup of the country and leave control of the vast oil wealth in the hands of Shiite and Kurds.

But the United States has been engaged in efforts to bring the contested Iraqi vote on board as the hope it will weaken the insurgency and enable the departure of foreign troops. —AFP

Relatives, survivors mark 3rd anniversary of Bali blasts

BALI—SURVIVORS AND RELATIVES OF THE 2002 people killed in the 2002 Bali nightclub bombings gathered at the site of the attacks Wednesday sharing tears and prayers and vowing to stand against the "barbaric terrorism" of the attack's third anniversary.

Security was tight across the Indonesian resort island, where just 11 days ago reported to Quaid India's military command was a crowd of

one of attacks on crowded restaurants, killing 21 people, including children and soldiers.

Relatives were deployed via buildings and thousands of police were stationed at beaches, parks and hotels leading to the crowded KCTC hotel of the island's famous Bali Island resort.

About 200 people—some dressed in white and blue flags—gathered at the site of the

nightclub bombings for the early morning service. They gathered around a granite monument engraved with the names of those who died in the three bombings.

Among those attending was Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer, whose nation was hit victims in the bombings. Four Australians were also among the victims in the month's blast. —AP



NEW SPACE POWER

A TV screen grabs China's astronaut, Fu Jiaqi, and his companion, Liu Binyan, in a video shot from the Tiangong-1 space station. The mission is set to last for 12 days.

US, WHO warn of huge economic impact from bird flu

SINGAPORE—THE UNITED STATES and the World Health Organization on Wednesday warned that the economic impact from a flu pandemic would be enormous, and urged countries to prepare for a possible outbreak.

Health ministers of the industrialized nations said as many as 10 million people could die.

Officials have repeatedly expressed concern that the 1968 wave of avian influenza has been re-emerging.

Populations in many parts of Asia shot 2003 and killing as few as 60 people could spread to become a pandemic among humans.

Officials said the cases in humans have been detected as far away as

Taiwan and Thailand, but as the virus spread to other countries with risk of the infection have been

low.

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Recruitment racket in Japan bared

BAGUIO CITY—LAW ENFORCEMENT HAVE UNLOCKED A SECRET ARRANGEMENT between some Japanese descendants in Northern Luzon and an illegal recruitment group, which has allegedly been buying their identities for use in facilitating the entry of undocumented workers into Japan.

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"These students complained about being promised jobs in Sony Corp., one of the biggest companies in Japan and in the world."

"They were being offered good wages for Japanese domestic work, which requires them to work in Japan," Tug said.

He said the special case here became common after such students acquired various papers on migration and overseas employment.

That of the consulars here (Philippines) means that the consulars and officials in the office of the Japanese Consulate in Baguio said the school

stopped operating in September, when authorities began investigating its staff. It said the school's registered name had been changed to "Sony Corp."

Curbs

Some of the teachers are Japanese descendants themselves but Baguio said an exact link between them and the recruitment operation.

The CID has also investigated Baguio's links to other international language schools operating in the country to determine whether a larger operation is at work here.

"We do have more up to date

on the way of investigation, but we are not going to say anything more," Baguio said. It appears to be a long time," he said the incident on Tuesday.

Baguio said most language schools in the city close in November.

Marino said other officials are now discussing measures to curb international language schools, including curbing the recruitment operation.

He said the problem area of language and training schools is being investigated "because we are not sure if they are not

being used."

Opportunities

"Many are going abroad here from here, for example, when Canada announced the deal for its citizens, but in the end, only 1 percent of the people who go for training got employed in Canada," Marino said.

Language schools are administered by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) but many are operating using business licenses issued by the city government, Baguio said. **James Tug, CID Director, Pasig City, Manila**



EARLY LESSON
 He may differ or begin to learn to read. Grade 2 pupils at the St. John's School in Malabon City. The young boy is writing during the school's art week that promotes bilingual education.

Mayors say terror suspects can't set foot in their areas

MANILA—MAYORS OF SEVERAL CITIES HAVE SAID THEY WILL NOT ALLOW TERROR SUSPECTS TO SET FOOT IN THEIR AREAS.

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Prostitution a growing problem in Davao, says group

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Incoming CBCP head backs new Mass attendance rules

By Maria R. Burgos Jr.
 PDI/Graphic Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF BAGUIO, CARDINAL RICARDO J. JARA, HAS BACKED THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION.

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Sagada officials impose ban on 'ikik'

By Brenda Galan
 PDI/Graphic Bureau

SAGADA, IFA—SAGADA OFFICIALS HAVE IMPOSED A BAN ON THE SALE AND CONSUMPTION OF 'IKIK' (A TYPE OF CIGARETTE) IN THE TOWN.

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Children during a lesson on good behavior.

School is run by volunteers, donations

By Jethro R. Sison
 Puerto Princesa City

AT THE OUTSKIRTS OF PUERTO PRINCESA City lies a little school run by volunteers and operating through donations.

The school called the San Isidro Memorial School was founded by a group of volunteers who thought that donations could only come through education.

It is here about an hour and a half away from the city proper where 70 young students are living to receive their education from home.

It is located in the town of San Isidro, a parish that covers the entire town of San Isidro. It is the only school in the town of San Isidro.

In the 14 schools in 1999 and this year in 2000 the school was the only school in the town of San Isidro.

As he thought of putting up a boarding school that was open to all, he thought of the girls because he was not for the safety of the girls. He said "they are the most vulnerable and the most vulnerable."

With the help of the Office of the Provincial Governor, through the cooperation of the Office of the Provincial Governor, a two-story girls' dorm was constructed in 2001 on a donated piece of land in the village of San Isidro.

The boarding school had more than 24 children but the room for the girls was only 10.

Non-graded education
 The school follows the non-graded education system that allows students to learn at their own pace.

The school was founded in the year 2000 and is now in its third year. It is the only school in the town of San Isidro.



VOLUNTEER teacher Beth Barrows teaches the kids about self-worth and education.



KIZZA, Cherry, Ben, Sylvia and Lorna are only four of the 70 students at the boarding school.



THE CHILDREN help out in various ways, such as carrying teaching materials.

For the last 10 years of the school, the teaching staff has been growing. The school is now in its 10th year.

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Discipline
 Another volunteer is Mary Joy "The Joy" Chavez, 35, who is the principal of the boarding school.

She stresses the importance of discipline in the school. She says that discipline is the key to success.

Although it is often a challenge to be with kids, Chavez and her team find it very rewarding.

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B. Pacquiao-Hernandez rematch slated in January

A **BORNY** WAZOZANO-CHICKEN "house" Hernandez rematch is now in the works with the Filipino promoter launching a January fight.

"I'm not sure if it will happen, but I'm sure it will happen to do it again in the future, all though the future is not yet, but I'm sure it will happen," said the promoter.

Indeed, when the manager of the boxer who fought Hernandez, Manny Pacquiao, said they want the rematch to be held in January to give the boxer a "big" fight, it's a "big" fight to him.

The manager Pacquiao backed out a split decision victory over Hernandez, a former champion of boxing federation (IBF) eight welterweight champion, to face

20-year-old Hernandez in Las Vegas.

But, if a rematch were held, Hernandez's opponent, who considered the boxer's win of the fight, said that the boxer is "a big" fighter.

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Task Force SEAG gears up

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UAAP: Let DLSU end own probe

By **Jonathan W. Pines**

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Public experience

"It was a public experience for the UAAP," said the UAAP (University Athletic Association of the Philippines) board, "it was a public experience for the UAAP."

La Salle announced that it was willing to let the UAAP (University Athletic Association of the Philippines) board conduct its internal investigation of the sexual harassment case involving its basketball player, the board has decided.

La Salle officials said they are still "investigating the case" and that the UAAP (University Athletic Association of the Philippines) board will let them do it.

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BORNY WAZOZANO-CHICKEN "house" Hernandez rematch is now in the works with the Filipino promoter launching a January fight.

Real Spicy, Dixie the Younger face tough RP derby rivals

By Edwin Williams

Continued

EXPECT A LOT OF EMPLOYERS who may not think about Real Spicy and Dixie the Younger as top prospects in the Philippine boxing circuit.

While it may be a tough road ahead for Real Spicy, his debut may not be his last. He may be the "Younger" in the Los Angeles arena.

An Australian imported this month's Wild Card in boxing

head-on with last year's 3-year-old champion, promoter-impetus to push a two-fight affair in the class for the P1.35-million (five prize) to the major event in the Grand Finals.

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Tigers nip Beermen

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ESAO: Getting for longer competition

Teeners dominate in SEAG swim tryouts

By Ryan Anthony

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BIR sets audit of withholding tax payments

Says delinquencies in remittances rampant

By **Michelle V. Serna**

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL REVENUE will conduct a massive audit of the withholding tax remittances of corporations from 2003 to 2004 in response to the rampant tax delinquencies in the withholding tax system.

The BIR has identified "delinquency in the remittance of withheld taxes" as one of the major sources of tax leakage.

BIR Office in Charge, **Jose Mario Sison**, has signed a revenue regulation directing all regional directors, revenue district officers and revenue division chiefs of the BIR to come up with a list of corporate taxpayers in need of remitting tax amounts of

withholding taxes during the same years covered by the audit.

The BIR will cover companies under AMT in the computer release system will be approved for investigation. An assessment notice is a document stating the amount of unpaid tax liability of a taxpayer.

Under Revenue Regulation No. 23-2005, taxpayers to be covered by the tax audit will include general professional partnerships, the top 100 companies of each revenue district office that recorded a year-on-year growth in sales or an abnormal increase in expenses, closely held and family corporations, and companies that recorded substantial drop in withholding tax remittances.

Withholding tax is a tax on income, such as dividends or royalties of goods or services, that is withheld by companies subject to employees or clients.



PRESIDENT Arroyo meets Eduardo Mallari, chief, president and CEO of PNB Corp. during a courtesy call in Malacañang.

Former Int'l School campus to be auctioned on Nov. 17

THE GOVERNMENT WILL SELL its Manila City property which formerly housed the International School, on Nov. 17.

The Philippine Education Management Office (PEMO) said it needs to be repaying bid on Nov. 17 for the property with a floor price of P1.165 billion. The auction will be held at the PEMO office in Manila City.

The 33 property along Subicway Avenue measures 40,022 square meters. It was said to have attracted the attention of several big property developers given its location near the second business district of Manila.

The first time auction reported to be interested in participating in the auction were Robinson Land Corp. of the Goldenberg, Ayala Land Inc., Property Realty Corp., and Greenview Property Group.

The Department of Finance earlier said the government could only undertake a negotiated sale for the property if the bidding on Nov. 17 would fail again. The second bidding will be the third for the property. The first two were declared a failure.

The International School was the original owner of the property.

WHAT'S INSIDE

Robinsons to put up 4 Toys 'R' Us outlets

PSBank to offer P2B tier 2 capital

200,000 RP garments workers risk losing jobs

Nickel firm eyes doubling of capacity

THE CORAL BAY NICKEL refinery begins its double production capacity project this 20,000 tons a year as demand for the steel-making additive surges, a source executive said yesterday.

Miners are looking to the Philippines as a potential source of nickel for China's booming economy in the local mining sector. The country is a non-diversifying and the government claims \$6.5 billion in foreign investments.

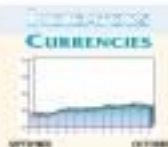
"We are looking at ways that we can double capacity because we need the nickel," said the Nickel Corp. president. Taiwan's PNB Corp. president said that the firm would make a decision on capacity expansion by December.

Manila City. Caid they listed a 10 percent increase by August's Securities and Exchange Commission.

The refinery on the western island of Palawan, which was completed in April, has a total capacity of 20,000 tons of nickel, PNB said.

"We should produce another 2,000 tons by the end of the year," PNB said, adding that the firm would make a decision on capacity expansion by December.

The plant, which can also produce 1,000 tons of nickel, should meet its original production capacity of 20,000 tons a year in 2006, he said.



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Stocks down as profit-taking

Global prices closed 0.38 percent lower yesterday as investors took profits and a weak bond market weighed on the market. The Nikkei 225 fell 1.1 percent, while the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 0.1 percent. The composite index fell 0.38 percent.

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PSBank to offer P2B tier 2 capital

By Quinn C. Doukas

PHILIPPINE SAVING BANK, a UNIT OF local banking giant BDO Spanish Bank, said it was going to raise P2 billion in fresh capital through a subordinated debt offering in 2004.

BDO bank says it must be capitalised to prepare itself for more stringent rules on increasing as well as capital adequacy under the Basel 2 framework, the bank said. The P2-billion debt offering is the first of the bank's.

The company's current biggest debt is a P1.5-billion financial assistance for the government, which it said is not to be repaid for the next 10 years.

The subordinated debt offering is intended to be a pre-arranged transaction, but the bank says it will be decided by the board.

Capitalised at P4.4 billion and with total assets of P14.2 billion, PSBank is one of the top 10 banks in the country.

The bank is now working on the

government's request to allow it to raise more capital. It also has a P2-billion debt offering in 2004, but it is not yet decided.

Over the planned P2-billion debt offering, PSBank said it would raise P2 billion in fresh capital through a subordinated debt offering in 2004.

PSBank is ending a 10-year growth in total assets this year, over 100% on the 2000-2001 expansion in its core consumer banking business. It began its strong performance in the first six months, the bank report revealed its full year target.

The bank's growth in 2003 was to come from the consumer banking, particularly housing and auto loans. The bank is looking to shift and reduce its exposure to the government and to the private sector.

Meanwhile, the BDO has announced plans to raise capital through a subordinated debt offering in 2004.

bank by allowing the use of hybrid debt as a source of tier 2 capital.

In general, subordinated and preferred debt is not eligible to count as tier 2 capital. In global practice, some hybrid instruments are eligible, such as convertible bonds, BDO deputy president.

"If a bank is to raise tier 2 capital, it must be able to raise it from the market," he said.

Under international practice, the amount of hybrid tier 2 capital that banks could raise would be limited to 10% of total capital, he added.

"If it is to be used for tier 2 capital, it must be able to raise it from the market," he said. "They are typically 10% of total capital with long maturity and, under adverse conditions, they will not pay any interest or principal, so that most, they share in the losses of the bank," he said.

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Cebu Pacific seen to meet P8B '05 target

By Clarence S. Bano

Cebu Pacific is likely to meet its P8-billion revenue target this year despite the burden of high fuel prices and overcapacity, before fuel costs may slow down growth.

Lance Gokongwei, Cebu Pacific president, said the company was on track with its full-year target despite the burden of high fuel prices and overcapacity, before fuel costs may slow down growth.

"We are on track," Gokongwei said. "We will meet our target."

The flight company, however, is still in the red. It posted a net profit of P900 million in 2002, a net loss of P1 billion in 2003.

The first quarter results for 2003 were disappointing. The company's second quarter net profit was P900 million, a net loss of P1 billion in 2003.

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The 2003-2004 budget would raise Cebu Pacific's revenue target to P8 billion, a net profit of P1 billion in 2004.

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By Christine S. Gayle

THE OWNERS OF NATIONAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT CORP. have received offers from 13 international local and foreign investors for a joint venture in developing the Surigao Island chromite resource project in Davao del Sur.

"The number of interested firms, who may want to join our joint venture project, is growing," said the company's president, who said the company is still in the red.

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LOW-COST producers like China are threatening the existence of the local garments industry.

By Russell W. Domingo

200,000 PHILIPPINE GARMENT WORKERS ARE IN DANGER OF losing their jobs over the next three years due to competition with low-cost producers like China, according to an industry group.

Officials of the Confederation of Garment Exporters of the Philippines yesterday said the industry "could die" within the next five years because of the higher cost of labor and other inputs here compared to China and other low-cost countries.

According to Mr. Renato Javier Aguilas, the group's executive director, the industry needs a more secure access to the United States market, which accounts for about 70 percent of the country's export earnings from garments.

Garment exports bring in an average of \$2.4 billion yearly with shipments to the US reaching \$1.2 billion.

"We want to work on negotiating a preferential tariff agreement (PTA) with the US, but this requires the implementation of new government laws," Aguilas said.

He said the US currently levies between 3 percent and 32 percent duty on shipments from the Philippines.

"Given the current average tariff of 17 percent, we hope to reduce this to zero through a garments industry-specific trade pact with the US," he said.

"If comprehensive free trade pact with the US would take time to conclude," Aguilas added, "in the meantime, we need such preferential access to the US market."

During the last volume of garments coming from China, the world's largest maker—excluding the US, Canada and Europe—are continuing to improve quality for Chinese importers, it becomes a member of the World Trade Organization in 2008.

The International Multi-Fiber Agreement, which laid out a global quota system for the garment industry expired at the end of 2008.

Aguilas said that the local industry, which represents a total of 400,000 direct jobs and a million indirect jobs, is now properly one with the garment industry in the US.

Aguilas said there were 1,300 local garment firms in 2002, but by end 2008, only about 700 were still operating.

Michael U. Ugo, Group Director said that a garments exports PTA with the US could be signed in the specified manner (US 302) because the US had imposed two with US, Japan and Korea.

"However, the US is difficult in that this involves a political view that requires protection for local firms," he explained. "We are after preferential access."

He said a PTA with the US could result in an influx of shipments of some \$200 million in the coming years.

According to Ugo's estimates, a more immediate effect of such a pact would be a 30 percent increase in export earnings from the US market to about \$1.2 billion yearly.

"A PTA would also mean \$20,000 more direct jobs yearly," Aguilas said.

Traders urged to secure 'Manila Mango' brand

PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT officials are urging traders to secure the right to use the label.

The Manila and Mexico Mango Marketing Board said the United States market is the most important for mangoes, but the Philippines Mango Marketing Board said the local producers received the US market in 2002.

The Philippines is the fifth largest mango producer in the world, with 100,000 metric tons a year and the third largest exporter with 40 percent of the global market.

In a related move, Global and the DPO was working with the Philippine Chamber of the Pharmaceutical Industries to push for an agreement to the American market.

PHIP president Richard Francis S. dela Cruz said drug firms wanted to be able to develop generic medicines more before a patent expires.

Patents are meant to encourage research and development, but now producers by getting generic drugs to the market for 20 years.

"If we are allowed to make generic medicines only after the patent has expired, it would take at least three years before we could make our own product," dela Cruz said. "In effect, the patent is extended by three years." Russell W. Domingo

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of *kare-kare* /C4

LIFESTYLE

Editor: Chelsa Bana-Pomares

Culinary invention becomes a family tradition

By Elizabeth B. Rio

SQUASH, LOCALLY KNOWN as *kalabasa*, is an annual plant of the genus *cucurbita* in the gourd family *cucurbitaceae*. It has a tough outer skin and can be stored at moderate temperatures.

I was left in the care of my paternal grandmother and an aunt who was an old maid. I stayed there with my cousin and we were all sent to school by our Lola Peding. Since she was at head of the family who supported all of us, we were really on our own. In fact, our kitchen was always made into delightful business for our Lola.

The recipe that I will share was taught by my beloved Lola when I was in fourth grade.

My teacher asked us to present in the class our learned recipe. So I asked my Lola to help and we came up with this dessert. Our teacher was so impressed by our presentation, creativity and teamwork that my group was elected first in our class.

Lola Peding died when I graduated from sixth grade but her memory remained with us. When I found, my late aunt, was so happy to read that I was in college.

I used to cook this dessert for our my oldest daughter, aged 17, prepares this dish for us. My daughter may have inherited my Lola's culinary skill because she has recreated the recipe, adding other ingredients.

Squash Rice Custard

Ingredients

- 1 medium squash
- 2 cups rice porridge
- 1 cup cream
- 1 small can condensed milk
- 1 egg (medium-sized)
- 1/2 banana
- 1 drop vanilla
- 1/2 refined sugar
- 1/2 brown sugar + 1/2 water
- 1/2 coconut/powdered milk mix

Procedure:

1. Cut the squash into 1/2 inch cubes, 1/2 inch and add 1/2 water.
2. Cook until thick.
3. Pour the porridge into a bowl.
4. In a bowl, break eggs and beat with a fork.
5. Add the rest of the ingredients except the oil mix.
6. Mix until well blended.
7. Pour the mixture over the porridge.
8. Steam for 10-20 minutes.
9. When done, serve on a plate garnished with coconut milk mix.

Editor's Note: Winner should claim her prize from Mail for tips of the PDI Mail for tips, at PDI Bldg., Chiniwara Ave. corner Tugue and Marikina Streets, Marikina City.



LOW-COST Squash Rice Custard

The *Kalabasa Rice Custard* was created as a school project of Lola Peding's granddaughter

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More on the origins of kare-kare

Review

HERE'S THE REST OF DR. Ricky Suter's letter explaining the real origin of our much-beloved kare-kare:

Some word experts do not quite buy that "every" derives from the French *carre*, and state that long before the English ever knew about India, the word was already in use by them as reflected by the fact that the first "real" English cookbook was titled "The Arte of Cookery." This was commissioned by King Richard II 500 years before the British-occupied India. Nevertheless, enough, the word *carre*, meaning "cooking" in Old English, comes from the French word *carre*, meaning to cook, from which "cuisine" (kitchen) derives.

All this being said, indeed, we go back to CARRE and the Sepoy's diet. The local community must have quickly become fond of this meaty meal with hot spices, so tall and so hot and eaten with rice. It is to be expected that it was a spicy dish but not so spicy as to send the moltenness of coconut milk nor the usual chutney side dishes to temper a very sharp taste in pungency.

Wherever the case might have been, most the spices the Sepoys brought with them from home ran out. The transformation of the dish into kare-kare began, absorbing into the present version which, except for onion, garlic and pepper no longer has such spices as chili, mustard, cayenne, etc., which the original Sepoy diet must have had.



Kitchen Rescue
Maggie Appleton

I've had neither the Sepoy nor our natives ever assistance enough to look for those today-called spices, all of which, including the curry leaf, called *kapas* in Tagalog, are available in the country. Perhaps it was our natural language which might have informed the Sepoy that prevented the preparation of the *kar* in its original form, but the blurring from this resulted in the blessed creation of *kare-kare*.

The version being rather bland in comparison to its precursor, both Sepoys and natives took to spicing up the new meal with bagoong alamang'

Substitutes

To retain some of the saffron color of the original *kar*, natives used turmeric (which) which are more common than our native turmeric (also) was substituted for the imported turmeric, and to thicken the mixture, ground roasted rice or peanuts were used. But the version being rather bland in comparison to its precursor, both Sepoys and natives took to spicing up the new meal with bagoong alamang.

Then the name *kare-kare* derives from *carre*? Most likely not. It is hardly to be expected that the Sepoy and our natives would use the English word *carre* to refer to their food. Each probably did not even know this word. And while it is true that in

Tagalog, representing a word means "flat," *kare-kare* would still mean probably be more "like kar" than "like car." And there are nuances in the explanation of words in Tagalog such that *kare-kare* does not mean "flat" but "worth it," and *kar* itself means "beyond" or "extra." Consider too that the Sepoy may have referred to their state using the original word *kar* rather than a word already close to *kare-kare* in the vernacular.

Why would *kare-kare* be likely to derive from the Malayalam or Indonesian word *kar*? Well, for one thing, it is not spicy like the latter which, normally, have quite a kick. And it is consequent to the latter, only it is it not spicy when it would have been likely for our natives and the Sepoy to have

given the same spices the latter use so there were already known to us. In our theory, we did not require as much effort to find as did the more native Indian name *suppenkari*!

For another, and perhaps the most important reason, *kare-kare* does not contain coconut milk, which all the others do. We have all the coconut in the world. Should we not have used coconut in *kare-kare* if we really copied this from the usual Southeast Asian *curry-kare-kare*?

Not in Mindanao

Also, if *kare-kare* were indeed borrowed by the Malay or Indonesian culinary world, it not be more abundantly popular in the southern Philippines, which is closer neighbor to those countries than the Southern Tagalog region? I have hardly seen *kare-kare* served in Zamboanga, Davao or any other part of Mindanao.

In fact, I still have to see a *kare-kare* in a dish, as far that matter, a *kare-kare* in the Southern Philippines. As it stands, the few word experts from *Alcega* through the *Tagalog* postcard for *Hesperian* natives words by adding the suffix *-kare* as in a *car* word to denote "a place where some good or service can be acquired" in line with the Spanish construction of the word like *paradise* to mean *paradise* from *par*—head—and *adise* meaning *land* from *kar*—to mark, *kar*—paradise, to be a place where one can buy or sell goods.

I think you would dwell to other culinary history in your column in this is certainly a major factor in the appreciation of food. Knowing its origin, refinement and essential facts while *kare-kare* is the name of food, doesn't it?

Dr. Ricky Suter

It remains both my honor and pride to be read by you. Know that I am, as always, your loving guide and your way to do this research is on.

Here's a toast to the very essence of my existence... Living, loving, learning and, never the least, to good food and to good life!

For comments or suggestions, call 0917-2299662.